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IN VIEW OF LIMITED BUDGET FOR BUSINESS CONSULTATION PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE/MEPD HAVE AGREED THAT BUSINESS CONSULTATION TRAVEL BY LOLLIS NOT ESSENTIAL AT THIS TIME. SINCE TWO MEPD OFFICERS HAVE VISITED NIGERIA IN PAST YEAR, COMMERCE PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH MAJOR PROJECT ACTIVITY THERE. THIS HAS FACILITATED CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN MEPD AND INDUSTRY ON NIGERIA. MOST U.S. FIRMS MENTIONED IN PROPOSED TRAVEL REFTEL ALREADY MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE WITH MEPD AND ARE AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NIGERIA. WE ARE WORKING ON NEW GAS GATHERING OPPORTUNITY AND ASSURE EMBASSY THAT APPROPRIATE BUSINESS CONTACTS FOR VISITING NIGERIAN OFFICIALS ARE BEING ARRANGED. INGERSOLL

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